



Metropolitan Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 28, 2011

Robert Street Chambers

4:00 PM

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Part I - Narrative

Attendance:

Susan Haigh, James Brimeyer, Steven Chávez, Jon Commers, Adam Duininck, Steven Elkins, Rich Kramer, Jennifer Munt, Roxanne Smith, Gary Van Eyll, Wendy Wulff

Members absent: Gary Cunningham, John Doan, Harry Melander, Edward Reynoso, Sandra Rummel, Lona Schreiber

Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

A quorum being present, Chair Haigh called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council to order at 4:05 p.m. It was moved by Smith, seconded by Wulff to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes

It was moved by Van Eyll, seconded by Kramer to approve the minutes of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of September 14, 2011. Motion carried.

Public Invitation

No one asked to address the Council regarding matters not on today's agenda.

Part II - Exhibits

Business

Committee Consent List

2011-218 - Approval of Document Management Policy (3-9)

It was moved by Commers and seconded by Kramer,

"That the Metropolitan Council approve *Policy 3-9, Document Management Policy* to provide guidance to staff in implementing the Council's document management program."

Motion carried.

2011-224 - Authorization to Purchase Two Advanced Hybrid Drive Buses

It was moved by Commers and seconded by Kramer,

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute agreements with Snohomish County Public Transportation Benefit Area Corporation, in Everett, Washington (D.B.A. Community Transit) and New Flyer of America for the purchase of two forty-foot, advanced hybrid buses in an amount not to exceed \$1,289,200. The agreement with Community Transit will allow the Council to piggy-back on their contract with New Flyer for the purchase of these buses. The agreement with New Flyer details the Council's legal and financial protection relative to this piggy-back bus purchase."

Motion carried.

2011-239 - Contract Award for Pocket Schedule Printing and Warehousing

It was moved by Commers and seconded by Kramer,

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into a five year contract with American Financial Printing to print and warehouse pocket schedules as specified per the bid rates through December 31, 2016."

Motion carried.

2011-240 - Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission 2012 Budget, Resolution No. 2011-27

It was moved by Commers and seconded by Kramer,

"That the Metropolitan Council approve Resolution No. 2011-27 granting approval of the proposed year 2012 Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission Budget and Report on User Fee Charges."

Motion carried.

2011-241 - Northstar Corridor, Ramsey Station – Authorization to Negotiate and Execute a Master Cooperation, Funding and Delegation Agreement

It was moved by Commers and seconded by Kramer,

"That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Master Cooperation, Funding and Delegation Agreement with the Anoka County Regional Railroad Authority (ACRRA) and the City of Ramsey for the development of the Northstar Ramsey Station Project."

Motion carried.

2011-243 - Authorization to Apply for Section 5311 Non-urbanized Area Formula Program Funds

It was moved by Commers and seconded by Kramer,
"That the Metropolitan Council approve Resolution 2011-26 authorizing the Regional Administrator to apply for Section 5311 Non-urbanized Area Formula Program funding from the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT)."

Motion carried.

2011-244 - Northstar Corridor Commuter Rail Supplemental Subordinate Funding Agreement with Sherburne County Regional Rail Road Authority

It was moved by Commers and seconded by Kramer,

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Supplemental Subordinate Funding Agreement with the Sherburne County Regional Railroad Authority for commuter rail operating costs for an amount up to \$2,024,930"

Motion carried

2011-245 - Authorization for City of Ramsey Transit Service Expansion Agreement

It was moved by Commers and seconded by Kramer,

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an agreement with the City of Ramsey for potential transit service and the extension of the Council's transit levy to the City of Ramsey."

Motion carried

2011-247 - Authorization to Execute Agreements for the Job Access and Reverse Commute and New Freedom FFY 2010-2011 Program Funding

It was moved by Commers and seconded by Kramer,

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute subrecipient agreements with the specified agencies and for the specified amounts of federal Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) or New Freedom program funding identified in Attachment A."

Motion carried

2011-248 - Authorization to Award and Execute a Contract for Construction of Hopkins System Improvements – Phase 1, Contract A, MCES Project Number 804120, Contract No. 10P267

It was moved by Commers and seconded by Kramer,

"That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract for Hopkins System Improvements – Phase 1,

Contract A, MCES Project Number 804120, Contract No. 10P267, with S.J. Louis Construction, Inc. for their low bid of \$7,872,000."

Motion carried

2011-249 - Authorization to Award and Execute a Contract for Construction of Interceptor Rehabilitation – Trenchless Phase 1, MCES Project Numbers 806910 and 806500, Contract No. 10P281

It was moved by Commers and seconded by Kramer,

"That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract for Interceptor Rehabilitation – Trenchless Phase 1, MCES Project Numbers 806910 and 806500, Contract No. 10P281, with Lametti and Sons, Inc. for their low bid of \$3,953,700."

Motion carried

2011-250 - Authorization to Award and Execute Contract for Waste Disposal Services for MCES Regional Facilities and 390 North Robert Street

It was moved by Commers and seconded by Kramer,

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract with Allied Waste Services to provide Waste Disposal Services for the Empire and Blue Lake WWTPs for \$ 1,013,129.34 and a contract with Veolia ES Solid Waste Midwest LLC for the Seneca WWTP, MCES Regional Facilities and 390 North Robert Street for \$332,220.

Motion carried

2011-251 - Non Represented Plan Salary Recommendations

It was moved by Commers and seconded by Kramer,

"That the Management Committee approves a 1% salary increase effective 10/01/11 for employees covered under the Non Represented Plan and three (3) additional floating holidays."

Motion carried

2011-252 - Approval of 2012 Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan

It was moved by Commers and seconded by Kramer,

"That the Metropolitan Council approve the 2012 Public Housing Agency Plan (PHA Plan), authorize the Metropolitan Council Chair to execute the required

certifications and direct staff to submit the final Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).”

Motion carried.

2011-254 - Hennepin County 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update Review File No. 20429-1

It was moved by Commers and seconded by Kramer,

“That the Metropolitan Council adopts the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and takes the following recommended actions:

Recommendation of the Community Development Committee:

1. Authorize Hennepin County (County) to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect.
2. Advise the County to implement the advisory comments noted in the Review Record for Roads & Transit, Aviation, Surface Water Management, Forecasts and Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems.”

Motion carried

2011-255 - Amend scope of three Anoka County regional park grants SG-2010-027, 028 and 073, Anoka County

It was moved by Commers and seconded by Kramer,

“That the Metropolitan Council:

Authorize an amendment to grant SG-2010-027 which amends the scope of the grant to include the following statements in the Development Project portion of the grant agreement:

“Up to \$25,000 of the remaining balance in the grant may be used to supplement the development project financed in Grant SG-2010-029 at Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park.

Up to \$75,000 of the remaining balance in the grant may be used at Lake George Regional Park for reconstruction of the beach retaining wall.”

Authorize an amendment to grant SG-2010-028 which amends the scope of the grant to include the following underlined language in the Development Project portion of the grant agreement:

“At Lake George Regional Park, demolish existing restroom building, and construct a new accessible restroom building, landscape restoration, utilities, site furnishings, signage, plus design, engineering and reconstruction of the beach retaining wall, fees and contingencies.

Authorize an amendment to grant SG-2010-073 which amends the scope of the grant to include the following underlined language in section 2 (Grantee Duties or Grant Project) of the grant agreement:

"At Martin-Island-Linwood Lakes Regional Park, redevelop the existing public boat access to Martin Lake, including paving the parking lot, reconstructing the boat ramp and installing a courtesy dock. Up to \$20,000 may be used to supplement a \$400,000 Fiscal Year 2012 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund grant for the design and construction of a boat launch at Mississippi West Regional Park."

Motion carried

2011-256 – Scott County Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Transportation Text and Commercial Land Use Change, Review File No. 20402-3

It was moved by Commers and seconded by Kramer,

"That the Metropolitan Council adopt the Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:

Recommendations of the Community Development Committee:

1. Adopt the attached review record and allow Scott County to put the Transportation Text and Commercial Land Use Change comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect.
2. Advise the County of the advisory comments for water resources and transportation.
3. Find that the proposed CPA does not change the County's forecasts."

Motion carried

Report of the Transportation Committee

2011-237 – Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (Green Line): Contingency Commitment

It was moved by Elkins and seconded by Commers,

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to

- 1) Exercise the contract option with Siemens to purchase 16 additional Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Green Line (CCLRT) Light Rail Vehicles, and
- 2) Authorize the use of \$58.1 million in CCLRT Project Contingency and Bid underrun funds towards the purchase of 16 CCLRT light-rail vehicle options, other 2011 time sensitive Project Enhancements and Pre-Revenue Operations start-up costs."

Motion carried.

2011-238 - Blue Line (Hiawatha Light Rail Transit): Siemens Light Rail Vehicle Options

It was moved by Elkins and seconded by Chavez,

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise the contract option with Siemens Industry Inc. to purchase two light rail vehicles for use on the Blue (Hiawatha) Line for a total cost of ~~\$6,710,134~~ 6,712,161."

Motion carried

2011-242 - Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (Green Line): Initiate Eminent Domain Proceedings for the Acquisition of Parcel 64 (Prospect Park Properties Inc.) for Civil West Construction

It was moved by Elkins and seconded by Commers,

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the initiation of eminent domain proceedings to acquire the property rights for Parcel 64 (Prospect Park Properties Inc.) in Minneapolis for the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Civil West Construction of the Green Line."

Motion carried.

2011-246 - Adopt 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program

It was moved by Elkins and seconded by Smith,

"That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopt the 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program.
2. Certify that the Twin Cities Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process is being carried on in conformance with all applicable federal requirements of:
 - Section 134 of Title 23, U.S.C., Section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49 U.S.C. app. 1607);
 - Sections 174 and 176 (c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506 (c) and (d)).
 - Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of the 1964 and Title VI assurance executed by each state under 23 U.S.C. 324 and 29 U.S.C. 794;
 - Section 1101 (g) of the Transportation Equity Act of the 21st Century (Pub. L. 105-178) regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in FHWA and FTA funded planning projects (Pub. L. 97-424, Section 105 (f); 49 CFR part 23); and
 - The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (Pub. L. 101-336, 104 Stat. 327, as amended) and U.S. DOT regulations (Transportation for Individuals with Disabilities (40 CFR parts 27, 37 and 38)).
3. Certify the TIP conforms with the provisions of 49 CFR part 20 regarding lobbying restrictions on influencing certain federal activities.

4. Find that the TIP is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan, which is in conformance with applicable federal transportation and air quality regulations.
5. Find that the TIP meets all applicable federal requirements.
6. Find that the TAB provided adequate opportunity for public, agency and transit operators involvement through its regular process and special public meetings and hearing.
7. Transmit the 2012-2015 TIP along with these comments to the Minnesota Department of Transportation and Minnesota Pollution Control Agency."

Link to Draft TIP:

http://www.metrocouncil.org/planning/transportation/TIP/2012_2015_TIP/Draft2012_2015_TIP.pdf

Motion carried

Other Business

Arlene McCarthy, Director, Metropolitan Transportation Services, introduced Mark Nelson, Director of Multimodal Planning, and Phillip Schaffner, Planner at MnDOT, who presented *Minnesota GO* "Crafting a Transportation Vision for Generations"
www.MinnesotaGo.org

Reports

Chair:

- The chair asked Regional Administrator Pat Born and Arlene McCarthy, Metropolitan Transportation Services Director, to brief and update the Council members on the status of the Governor's request for a risk assessment of the Ramsey county/Minnesota Vikings' proposal for the Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant (TCAAP) site in Arden Hills. The briefing included an outline and maps of the site.
- The chair thanked everyone who came and joined the event with Ray LaHood, US Secretary of Transportation and Peter Rogoff, RTA Administrator, at the Union Depot on September 19th.
- Also attended a meeting with Joseph Szabo, Federal Railroad Administrator, on September 19th at the Union Depot.
- Attended the CTIB meeting on 9/21/11
- Spoke at the WTS Minnesota luncheon regarding the Corridors of Opportunity
- Had a meeting with Minnesota Brownfields relating to their research on transit corridors and distressed economic areas.
- Spoke at Corridors of Opportunity Hennepin County Board briefing on 9/22/11
- Toured the Arden Hills TCAAP site today.
- Met with Thomas Fisher, Dean, U of M College of Design, on land use and work on affordable housing.
- Spoke at the Employee Recognition Event on 9/27/11.

Council Members:

Council members reported on recent meetings and events:

- Councilmember Brimeyer thanked the Met Council staff for helping to arrange a good tour for the Ukrainian visitors.
- Councilmember Elkins attended two Complete Streets Committee meetings with Hennepin County and with MnDOT. He and Councilmember Doan attended a MnDOT Mileage Based User Fee Task Force meeting. Also attended a Big Picture Project workshop on Affordable Housing at Good Will.
- Councilmember Commers gave a brief update on the Land Use Advisory Committee – which has now had two meetings. He also attended a meeting (the first of three meetings) with U of M Dean Thomas Fisher, College of Design, who is working with the St. Paul Riverfront Corporation, and have convened a group working on a St. Paul urban design festival.
- Councilmember Munt met and spoke to the Hopkins Lions. Also commended Metro Transit General Manager Brian Lamb and staff on their good work in the communities.
- Councilmember Duinck attended a CCLRT Workforce meeting. Thank you to Metro Transit General Manager Brian Lamb for his work dealing with a graffiti and crime issue at Hiawatha and Lake Street light rail stop.

Regional Administrator - See the Chair's report

General Counsel: No Report.

Adjournment

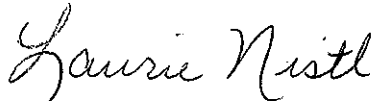
The meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Part III – Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of September 28, 2011.

Approved this 12th day of October, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,



Laurie Nistl
Recording Secretary